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issued orders about the middle of March 1953, that the old stocks should be cleaned properly at Government's cost and preserved carefully to meet the increased demand for rice during the lean months commencing from June 1953. Later on, the Government received reports from private merchants that the stocks were fast deteriorating and that it would not be possible to find a sale for the rice at the prices fixed by the Government. The Government then ordered that the stocks should be disposed of in the open market at a reduced price of 10 annas per Madras measure. Based on the above orders, the Board issued necessary instructions to the Collector of Tirunelveli.

"(*d*) The stocks were in storage for a total period ranging from 8 to 11 months in Malabar and Tirunelveli districts. In Tirunelveli district alone, the stocks were in storage for a period from 3 to 4 months.

"(*e*) The Government issued order authorizing the sale of the old stocks of Malabar rice in the open market at reduced price on 7th April 1953.

"(*f*) A small portion of the stocks (about 2,000 maunds) was sold at the pool rates (i.e., about As. 15 per Madras measure for first sort and As. 12–6 per Madras measure for second sort). The remaining stocks were disposed of in the open market at the reduced price of 10 annas per Madras measure.

"(*g*) The loss in the transaction is estimated at about Rs. 5·35 lakhs.

"(*h*) It is not possible to say that any one person or set of persons are responsible for the loss. Due to reduced offtake through fair price shops on account of availability of rice in the open market at reasonable prices and due to the initial anxiety, the stocks remained undisposed of for a long time."

Andhra Paper mills.

* 1244 *Q.*—SRI C. PRABAKARA CHOWDARY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) the present average monthly rate of production of paper in the Andhra Paper Mills;

(*b*) what proportion of the production is purchased by this State Government;

(*c*) whether the Government are purchasing the paper at any concessional price and if so what that concession is;

(*d*) what are the net profits earned by the Mills during the years 1949–50, 1950–51 and 1951–52;

(*e*) whether there are any proposals with the Government pending approval for the disbursement of bonus to the employees; and if so, what percentage of the net profits is earmarked for the distribution of bonus;

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(*f*) whether there are any representations from the workers' union requesting for the revision of scales of wages of workmen in consideration of profits earned during the last three years and, if so, the action taken thereon;

(*g*) whether it is a fact that 3 or 4 hundred tons of rags were purchased for the mills in the year 1950–51, while the average consumption of the mills is only 60 to 70 tons a year and that huge surplus stocks of rags purchased are wasted in the dust or are being eaten by the white ants; and who is the officer responsible for this purchase;

(*h*) what is the number of workmen employed in the mills and the number of workmen employed by the contractors within the mill premises;

(*i*) whether there is any proposal with the Government to introduce the Workmen's Insurance Scheme in the mills; and

(*j*) whether there is a labour welfare officer in the mills?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) One hundred and thirty-eight tons per month.

" (*b*) About 66 per cent of the total production by the mills.

" (c) A uniform selling rate for all Government indentors throughout the Union is fixed by the Director-General of Supplies and Disposals in consultation with paper manufacturers. The only difference in the selling rate by the mills is with regard to unbleached varieties of paper which is sold to the public at As. 10-1 per pound f.o.r. destination and to this State Government at As. 8–1 per pound f.o.r. Rajahmundry.

" (*d*) The net profits earned by the mills are—

				RS.	A.	P.
During 1949–50	...	...	...	15,400	0	0
1950–51	...	...	...	1,20,606	14	10
1951–52	...	...	...	1,78,610	13	1

" (*e*) Yes, Sir. The percentage of the net profits to be earmarked for the distribution of bonus is under the consideration of the Government and orders will issue soon.

" (*f*) Yes, Sir. But the request was negatived as it was considered that wages cannot be enhanced according to profits earned by Government commercial concerns.

" (*g*) During the year 1950–51 a total quantity of about 167 tons of rags were purchased while the consumption by the mills during that year was 111 tons. Hence the purchase cannot be considered to be excessive as it is most essential to carry reserve stocks in the mills especially in these days of transport difficulties. No rags were either eaten by white ants or deteriorated in quality as the major portion of the rags

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were stocked inside the chopper room and only a small portion was kept in the open over a well plastered flooring."

"(h) The number of workers employed within the mills premises is 434 men and 63 women while the number of workers employed by contractors is about 50 per day on an average.

"(i) As the Andhra Paper Mills are already contributing the employers' special contribution under section 73-A of the Employees State Insurance Act, 1948, with effect from 24th February 1952, there is no proposal to introduce Workmens' Insurance Scheme in the mills.

"(j) No, Sir, for the present."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Hon. Member Sri T. Nagi Reddi had given notice of a short-notice question. I had no time to roneo and circulate it to the hon. Members. The Hon. Minister is, however, prepared to answer it. He will now read the question as well as the answer. After that, I will allow a few supplementary questions."

SRI M. SUBBA REDDI :—" Sir, question No. 1220 was not answered. It is a very important question and should be answered in public interest."

SRI V. CHIDANANDAM :—" That question stood in the name of the hon. Member, Sri Kotaiah. When the Hon. Speaker took up that question, Sri Kotaiah was not in his seat. So the next question was taken up. As the matter is very important, I request that question may be answered now, Sir."

MR. SPEAKER :—" When a particular question is taken up and the hon. Member in whose name that question stands is not in his seat, the practice is to print both the question and the answer in the official proceedings and not to ask the Hon. Minister to read the answer on the floor of the House. If, however, any other hon. Member was authorized to put the question on behalf of the absent member, that hon. Member should get up and say, 'I put the question on behalf of so and so'. In this case, when I took up that question, nobody said that he was putting that question on behalf of Mr. Kotaiah. That being so, it will be a very bad precedent to allow that question to be answered at this stage."

(Hon. Members Sri M. Subba Reddi and Sri V. Chidanandam stood up in their seats.)

MR. SPEAKER :—" Order, order. I am not going to allow the answer to be read now. The Hon. the Education Minister will now read the short-notice question of Sri T. Nagi Reddi and also the answer to that question."

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" The question put by Sri T. Nagi Reddi, M.L.A., is as follows :—

'Will the Hon. Minister for Education be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to amend the

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University Acts of Madras and Andhra, to enable the educational institutions in the Andhra area, which are now affiliated to the Madras University, to be affiliated to the Andhra University from the appointed day in view of the formation of the Andhra State.'

The following is my answer to the question, Sir :—

'The question of amending the Madras University Act does not arise. The Andhra University Act has to be amended with a view to reaffiliating certain educational institutions in the Andhra area, which are now affiliated to the Madras University, to the Andhra University. We are considering the possibility of putting the matter through.' "

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—"Now, that the Andhra State is going to be formed by 1st October, may we know whether the Act will be amended so as to affiliate all these Colleges before 1st October to the Andhra University and will the Government make arrangements to see that along with the formation of the Andhra State, the Colleges are automatically affiliated to the Andhra University? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—"We are considering the possibility of putting it through, either through the Assembly or otherwise before the formation of the State."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—"The answer of the Hon. Minister was a little vague. It must be more specific. There are one or two methods of doing it. There is still one day and this is a unanimous measure and this can be put through to-morrow. The Hon. Minister said that the matter is being put through. I am saying how this can be put through. An amending Bill can be brought even to-morrow so that simultaneously with the formation of the Andhra State, the educational institutions in the Andhra area, which are now affiliated to the Madras University, may be affiliated to the Andhra University. I want to know from the Hon. Minister whether any proposal is under his contemplation in this regard? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—"It was seriously considered whether we could rush it through in this House but considering that there are many groups of people who are not in this House who may give their opinion, I should suggest the latter alternative as the better way, namely, it may be pushed through in Parliament. We need not express an opinion on it and there may be no opposition at all in Parliament to the measure." 9–40 a.m.

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—"I understand that the Bill is already ready."

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—"Through whom?

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—"Through the proper channel." (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The hon. Member understands it through an improper channel." (Laughter.)

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" If the Government have no objection and if they are really serious to see that the educational institutions in Rayalaseema are affiliated immediately to the Andhra Universty, I assure them that it will be passed within five or ten minutes to-day or to-morrow."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" It is possible that everything can be got done if all of us agree. I do not want to create difficulties. Hon. Members should accept my assurance. We would have been glad to get through the Bill. But there are some people who raise objection to rushing through things like that. It is not good. After all, the result is going to be the same whether we do it here or there. In Parliament there will be no opposition to the measure and it will be more legitimate to discuss it there than to do it here by suspending rules and creating a precedent."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" Can we not have it along with the formation of the Andhra State? We want the colleges in Rayalaseema to be automatically affiliated to the Andhra University on the formation of the new State. If this could be assured, then the question of getting things passed officially, etc., we do not mind."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" How can there be any objection to it? How can we object to it?"

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" We are only anxious that the Madras Government should communicate the unanimous wish of this House that these colleges in Rayalaseema should be affiliated to the Andhra University and the Government of India may do the necessary thing at the time of passing the Andhra Bill in the Parliament."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" A letter, an administrative letter, is quite possible and we can do that. The Andhra colleges will be in the Andhra area after the appointed day and the University is there. I cannot imagine any difficulty arising."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" There is no provision made to this effect in the Andhra State Bill. That is why all these doubts have arisen."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The Chief Minister has already given an assurance and that should suffice."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" Sir, now that that question is disposed of, I want to know what has happened to the two or three short-notice questions I have given notice of. They were not returned to me but no answer has been given so far. One of them relates to the State Loan, i.e., whether the Government

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authorized Commercial Tax Officers to contact businessmen to contribute to the State Loan; the second relates to certain Government Orders that non-clinical professors in medical colleges should be re-appointed up to the age of 60 . . ."

MR. SPEAKER :—" As far as the Chair is concerned, I have admitted them and passed them on to the departments concerned."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I have received a number of such questions some of which can be answered immediately and some cannot be. By ' answered ' I mean necessary information can be given. I try to accommodate as much as possible. I do not think I can do more than what I have done. Some short-notice questions I have already answered. For those on which I must have further time, I must be given due notice."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" My question was simple. For example, I have asked whether the Government have passed orders saying that non-clinical professors may be re-appointed until they reach the age of 60."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I must at least answer correctly. I must know the conditions. Does the hon. Member imagine that it is a household that I am running and that I know all that is happening? It is a very large business and I must know whether an order has been passed and I do not know the position. I would have otherwise answered straight off."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" What is the use of putting short-notice questions? It is now three days."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I object to the hon. Member's remarks. Otherwise, what is the use of the rule? The rule has been made after understanding all the difficulties of Government. We have followed it for years and years. It is impossible for me to accommodate a particular gentleman who puts a question. I have got so many other things to do at the same time and I would go all wrong if I attend only to questions, without usual notice."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" It is no question of accommodation. It is a right of the House and we do not depend upon any accommodation. A short-notice question has been put three days back which demands a simple answer whether certain orders have been passed or not. Instead of giving that reply, the Chief Minister is side-tracking the whole issue."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I am sorry, I am not side-tracking the issue. I went to save time. If the hon. Member is thinking that it is his right to give a short-notice question, I have a right not to waive notice."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" Before the close of question time, I would invite your attention, Sir, to the short notice question which was admitted yesterday. It is not answered to-day. We have got only one more day before us in this sitting."

MR. SEAKER :—" If possible, it will be answered to-morrow."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" In the meantime I have received information that the workers' organizations and the strike committees have decided to withdraw the strike but that the management is creating trouble by not opening the gates. If the question is taken up now, it will be convenient."

MR. SPEAKER :—" It will be taken up to-morrow if possible."

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Irrigation schemes in Visakhapatnam.

227 *Q.*—SRI K. GOVINDA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many major irrigation schemes there are in Visakhapatnam district;

(*b*) what they are;

(*c*) what is the stage at which each of the schemes is at present; and

(*d*) what is the respective extent of ayacut that is expected to be irrigated under each of these schemes?

A.—(*a*), (*b*), (*c*) & (*d*) A statement [a] is placed on the table of the House.

Lignite and steel industries in the State.

228 *Q.*—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) with reference to the exploration of lignite coal in South Arcot district and the starting of an iron and steel industry in the State, how many American and other foreign experts were consulted and on how many occasions between 1st April 1948 and 31st March 1952, with a brief summary of the opinions given on each occasion on each of the projects; and

(*b*) how much fees and other charges were paid to the American and other foreign experts on each occasion mentioned in (*a*) above from 1st April 1948 to 31st March 1952?

A.—A statement [b] is placed on the table of the House.

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[a] **Printed as Appendix II on page 1759 infra.**

[b] **Printed as Appendix III on pages 1760–1762 infra.**